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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Varela DATE TYPED: 02/07/03 HB 220

SHORT TITLE: Increase Per Diem and Mileage Rates SB _____

ANALYST: Martinez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			Indeterminate	Recurring	All Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files
Responses Received
 Numerous agencies

SUMMARY

House Bill 220 proposes increased amounts to be reimbursed for per diem and mileage expenses. Current per diem and mileage rates, which were last amended by Laws 1984, have been out-stripped by inflation.

1. The mileage reimbursement rate from travel in a privately owned vehicle is raised from \$0.25 to \$0.32 a mile, and from \$0.40 up to \$0.88 a mile from for each mile traveled in a privately owned airplane. A public officer or employee may receive the cost of the ticket in lieu of the mileage when traveling on a common carrier.
2. Reimbursement for actual meal expenses is increased from \$22.50 to not to exceed \$30 per day for in-state travel.
3. Reimbursement for actual meal expenses is increased from \$22.50 to not to exceed \$45 per day for out-of-state travel.

4. Reimbursement for actual expenses for lodging with prior approval is still allowable.

Provisions apply to public officers and employees of local public bodies, state agencies and public post-secondary educational institutions.

Please see attachment.

Significant Issues

- This section of the Per Diem and Mileage Act has not been modified since 1989, and rate changes have not been made since 1984.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation contained in House Bill 220 to pay for these increased costs. The additional cost would have to be absorbed by agencies' approved FY03 budgets.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant administrative implications identified that would result from passage of this bill.

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House Bill 220
Per Diem and Mileage Rate Changes

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Difference	Percentage Change
Per Diem Rates For In State Travel:				
Non-salaried Public Officer Per Day	\$ 75.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 20.00	26.7%
(1) Salaried Public Officer or Employee Per Day	\$ 65.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 20.00	30.8%
May Authorize Up To	\$ 75.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 60.00	80.0%
Per Diem Rates For Out of State Travel:				
(2) Public Officer or Employee Per Day	\$ 75.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 40.00	53.3%
(3) May Authorize Up To	\$ 95.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 120.00	126.3%
(4) Special Per Day	\$ 95.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 120.00	126.3%
Mileage:				
Privately Owned Vehicle	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.07	28.0%
Privately Owned Airplane	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.48	120.0%
Reimbursement of Meals:				
In State, Not to Exceed	\$ 22.50	\$ 30.00	\$ 7.50	33.3%
Out of State, Not to Exceed	\$ 22.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 22.50	100.0%

- (1) Includes salaried public officers and employees of local public body, state agency or a public post-secondary educational institution.
- (2) Includes public officers and employees of local public body, state agency or a public post-secondary educational institution.
- (3) If reimbursed solely from federal funds.
- (4) For persons trained in the field of accountancy and performing duties in that field while assigned out of state for more than three weeks.